Village of Thurston
Council Meeting Minutes
November 13, 2008

Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm by Mayor Mary Boring. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll call:
Ed Vanek – Present
Warren Simpson – Present
Vickie Carroll - Present
Detria Hiles – Present
Jo-Ann Hite – Present
Robert Ortman – Present
Mary Boring – Present
Aaron Reedy – Present

Lora Gischell was present from the Regional Income Tax Agency (RITA) to answer any questions regarding the legislation for the Village income tax. Aaron also shared this year's history of the general fund with Lora and Council. He showed where we're spending about $1,500 more each month than we are getting in. Council had no questions for Lora.

Aaron said we should have public meetings regarding the income tax to answer any questions for the public, and Lora should be there. Robert made a motion to schedule a public meeting to discuss income tax. No further action was taken – motion not carried.

Mary asked if any visitors wished to speak. None did.

Detria made a motion to approve the October 20 2008 special meeting minutes with corrections. Ed second.

Ed – Yes
Jo-Ann – Yes
Detria – Yes
Warren - Yes
Vicki – Yes
Robert – Yes

Corrections as follows:

Page 3 – correct the section regarding the pothole filling contract with Walnut Township, the motion DID pass. Jo-Ann said the tile mentioned runs under 256 over to a field, but it's clogged up. It does not run under those properties. Also change the word "pain" to "paint" regarding the water tower.

Ed made a motion to approve the October 2008 financial statement. Warren second.

Ed – Yes
Jo-Ann – yes
Detria – Yes
Warren - yes
Vicki – Yes
Robert – Yes

Mary reviewed an e-mail and documentation from Village Solicitor Brian Zets stating that when a council person(s) abstains from a vote, their vote acquiesces to the majority of voters. Discussion was held on the subject.

Ed made a motion to waive the three-reading rule and declare an emergency for Ordinance 2008-15, An Ordinance to Amend the 2008 Appropriations Ordinance and the declaring of an emergency. Jo-Ann second.

Ed – Yes
Jo-Ann – Yes
Detria – Yes
Warren - Yes
Vicki – Yes
Robert – Yes

Warren made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2008-15, An Ordinance to amend the 2008 Appropriations Ordinance and the declaring of an emergency. Ed second.

Ed - Yes
Jo-Ann – Yes
Detria – Yes
Warren - Yes
Vicki – Yes
Robert – Yes

Ed made a motion to waive the three-reading rule and declare an emergency for Resolution 2008-16 – A Resolution requesting the auditor of Fairfield County, Ohio, to certify to the Village of Thurston, Ohio, the total current tax valuation of the subdivision and the dollar amount of revenue to be generated by a replacement of existing fire protection levy and the declaration of an emergency. Robert second.

Ed - Yes
Jo-Ann – Yes
Detria – Yes
Warren - Yes
Vicki – Yes
Robert – Yes

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Ed - Yes
Jo-Ann – Yes
Detria – Yes
Warren - Yes
Vicki – Yes
Robert – Yes

Detria made a motion to waive the three-reading rule and declare an emergency for Ordinance 2008-17 – An Ordinance authorizing the mayor to enter into an agreement appointing the City of Lancaster Law Director to prosecute certain cases before the Fairfield County Municipal Court, Criminal Division and for the representation of the Bureau of Motor Vehicles of Certain Cases filed in the Fairfield County Municipal Court, Civil Division and the declaration of an emergency. Ed second.

Ed - Yes
Jo-Ann – Yes
Detria – Yes
Warren - Yes
Vicki – Yes
Robert – Yes

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Ed - Yes
Jo-Ann – Yes
Detria – Yes
Warren - Yes
Vicki – Yes
Robert – Yes

Second reading was done for Ordinance 2008-14 – An Ordinance to Levy a Municipal Income Tax in the Village of Thurston, Ohio.

Report from Fire Chief – Jim Hite was present and presented his report. See attached. Mary confirmed that Kent Leitnaker is not fired. He has been put on medical leave after an incident at the fire house, per Jim Hite.

Ed made a motion to hire Scott Hite to the fire department. Detria second.

Ed - Yes
Jo-Ann – Abstain
Detria – Yes
Warren - Yes
Vicki – Yes
Robert – Yes

Jim said the 2009 Fire Budget was submitted to the Finance Committee, but he has since been told to lower the budget by about $80,000. He now has new numbers for approval. Mary brought up the volunteer firemen's point-to-pay plan. Council discussed how the new ordinance should be worded. After some discussion, it was decided to let Ordinance 2006-27 (point-to-pay plan) stand as is.

Ed made a motion to approve the 2009 Fire Department Budget of $129,060.00. Warren second.

Ed - Yes
Jo-Ann – Yes
Detria – Yes
Warren - Yes
Vicki – Yes
Robert – Yes

Report from the Service Committee: ***Committee Meeting minutes not given to clerk at time of these minutes being generated. ***
They had a joint meeting with the Safety Committee on November 5th.

Ed asked about the status of the storm drains in front of the Leiendecker house and by the church. Mary said Sureshot took video of the Leiendecker drain, and she's going to get an estimate for jetting it out. Vickie would like for Sureshot to come to a meeting so we can discuss what they are doing. She doesn't feel things are getting done in a timely matter. Council discussed the drainage work that needs to be done throughout the Village. Ed said First Street needs to be taken care of next.

Discussion arose about the need of a Village Administrator, and what the duties/responsibilities were of the mayor and council members. Mary said she will call and let Council know when Sureshot will be out to work on the next drains.

Ed said the Service Committee discussed the water negotiations with Baltimore. The committee would like to know:

1) How much revenue will Thurston lose annually by changing the location of the meter.
2) Where the new meter will be installed.
3) Who is going to pay for the new meter.
4) What is our total water debt.
5) If GGC (our Engineers) feel the e-mail from Baltimore's engineers was acceptable.

Aaron will get this information.

Ed said the Service Committee recommends Council accept the snow removal contract from Walnut Township Trustees.

Report from the Safety Committee: ***Committee Meeting minutes not given to clerk at time of these minutes being generated. ***

The question arose regarding the repairs up on High Street by the railroad. Have we heard from the railroad? Aaron said he didn't think the railroad ever returned Michelle's phone calls. Council would like for Michelle to try again.

Detria got a new quote from Hydromaster to remove the maple tree behind the municipal building. After reviewing all the bids, Ed made a motion to accept the tree removal bid from Hydromaster for $750.00, leaving the grinded mulch for use around the playground equipment. Detria second.

Ed - Yes
Jo-Ann – Yes
Detria – Yes
Warren - Yes
Vicki – Yes
Robert – Yes

It was noted that the bell tower rafter exploded inexplicably. Council would like for Bob Black to get quotes for work to be done whenever a job needs to be done for the municipal building. That way, it will speed up the repair process.

It was raised that we should order street signs through Randy Kemmer at Walnut Township and possibly have them install them to be ready for the new requirements. Vickie asked if the street signs had been ordered yet. Aaron said he doesn't recall him or Michelle being given a list. Vickie said she gave it to Mary. Mary said she gave it back to Vickie for further review.

Council agreed the following signs should be ordered now:

Main Street – 1
Willow Street – 1
Moline Drive – 1
Old Millersport Road – 1
Wilson Ave – 3

Aaron will ask Michelle to order.

Vickie asked about Bob Elam's request to waive the water deposit on his new property. Per Michelle's memo, Becky Elam requested the meter be removed. Council discussed the issue. No action was taken.

Report from the Finance Committee:

Robert said they met October 28 at 7:30 p.m. See attached minutes. They only discussed Fire Department Budget which has already been discussed during this meeting.

Report from the Rules Committee: Didn't meet.

Report from Regional Planning Representative: Robert said they signed a contract for $16,500 to maintain the CDGB program for 2009.

Old Business –
Mary said the new flagpole looked good. She thanked Micro Construction for their material and labor to install. She thanked Top Cat Concrete for their concrete donation. She thanked the Thurston – Walnut Township Fire Department and Gary Boring for their time to install the new flagpole.

New Business –
Detria requested the Fire Department remove the flags from the flagpoles throughout the Village.

Ed made a motion to accept the Snow Removal contract with Walnut Township. Detria second.

Ed – Yes
Jo-Ann – Yes
Detria – Yes
Warren - No
Vicki – Yes
Robert – Yes

Jim Hite said we will need to increase appropriations for 2008 in the equipment fund for $15,000 to accommodate the $15,000 being given to us by Walnut Township. Aaron will prepare the legislation.

Aaron asked for a motion to have a special meeting for the final reading on Ordinance 2008-14 for the Village income tax. No one made the motion. No action taken.

Jo-Ann made a motion to adjourn. Ed second. The time is 10:10 pm.

Ed – Yes
Jo-Ann – Yes
Detria – Yes
Warren - Yes
Vicki – Yes
Robert – Yes

Respectfully Submitted,

Aaron L. Reedy, Clerk

THURSTON WALNUT FIRE DEPARTMENT
CHIEF REPORT

thurstonwalnutfire@midohio.twcbc.com

November 2008

PERSONAL

Kent Leitnaker	Medical Leave
Scott Hite	New Hire

MAINTANCE

R621- two valves replace, replace the generator fuel pump replaced.

All Trucks- all pumps passed pump test.

E-621- two new batteries

FYI

Still working with the EMA over the storm

BREAKFAST AT THURSTON FIRE HOUSE, **Saturday, November 15, 2008, also will hold OPEN HOUSE. Open House will be 2 pm to 4 pm.**

Miles truck M 621- 972, T 621- 129, R 621- 264, E 621- 190, C 620- 256

2009 Budget

Want to move money $20, 000.00 into **EMS Equipment Fund** and $10,000.00 into **Equipment Fund**.

Will be getting a check for $15,000.00 from the **TRUSTEES** to put the new **MEDIC** in service.

Will be getting an **EMS Grant** for $5,000.00 for reimbursement of EMS equipment bought.

Thurston - Walnut Township Fire Department

Station 620 8474 High Street, Thurston, Ohio 43157

P.O. Box 217

Business: 740▪862▪6542

Fax: 740▪862▪9982

Chief James Hite

Email Thurstonwalnutfire@midohio.twcbc.com

EMS RUN TOTALOCTOBER 2008 ***FIRERUN TOTALOCTOBER 2008***

TOTAL 57 RUNS

	38	***19***
THURSTON	*13*	*2*
PLEASANTVILL	*5*	*2*
WALNUT TWP	*19*	*8*
NEW SALAM	*0*	*0*
OUT TWP	*1*	*7*

NO CREW IN TWP 0

NON TRANSPORT 8

MUTUAL AID GIVEN

MILLERSPORT	*7*	*MILLERSPORT*	*3*
PLEASANT TWP	*0*	*PLEASANT TWP*	*0*
RICHLAND	*0*	*HEBRON*	*1*
BASIL	*0*	*BASIL*	*2*
THORN TWP	*0*	*GREENFIRLD*	*1*

MUTUAL AID RECEIVED

MILLERSPORT	*0*	*MILLERSPORT*	*0*
BASIL	*2*	*BASIL*	*3*
PLEASANT TWP	*1*	*PLEASANT TWP*	*2*
RICHLAND TWP	*0*	*RICHLAND TWP*	*0*
THORN TWP	*0*	*THORN TWP*	*0*

MEDFLIGHT OF OHIO 0

Notice

Attn: All Thurston Personnel

The following is a list of the officers and their duties,

C 620 Hite - Budget, Personnel, Hiring, Discipline, Reports to Mayor-Council-Trustees,

Asst Ch. Carroll - Part-time Schedule Day/Night time, oversee maintenance

Asst Ch Barber – Day to Day ops / oversee EMS/ Hiring,

Lt. Grude - Hose, Car inspection,

Lt. Traster - EMS Report, EMS Jane

Ff. King - Air Packs

Dan Coffman – maintenance

Lt. Badgely - Radios, Gas Monitor, Computers, Email/Webpage

Lt. Layton - Yearly Reporting System/ Fire Reports

Lt. Perry – Training, both fire/EMS

Lt. Majorurs – safety officer, fire gears,

If assistance is needed with any of these fields please contact the officer in charge of said field.

THURSTON FIRE WALNUT FIRE

8474 HIGH STREET
P.O. BOX 217
THURSTON, OHIO 43157
740/862-6542
FIRE CHIEF JAMES HITE

1 APPLICANT	**SCOTT A HITE**
2 INTERVIEW	**YES**
3 CERTIFIED	**200 FF, MEDIC**
4 BCI CHECK	**YES**
5 DMV CHECK	**YES**
6 PHYSICAN EXAMINTION	**10/31/08**
7 FULL TIME JOB	**Madison TWP Fire**
8 HIRE DATE	**9/9/2008**
9 VOLUNTEER	**YES**
10 PART TIME	**YES**
11 TAX PAPER	**YES**
12	

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THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MET TUESDAY OCTOBER 28, 2008 AT 7:30 P.M. AT THE MUNICIPAL BLDG.. PRESENT AT THE MEETING WERE: FIRE CHIEF JIM HITE, WARREN SIMPSON, JOAN HITE, LOWELL HITE, AARON REEDY, AND CHAIRPERSON ROBERT ORTMAN.

CHIEF JIM HITE WOULD LIKE to MOVE FUNDS IN THE BUDGET to A NEW LINE ITEM. CHIEF HITE WOULD LIKE $20,000. APPROPRIATED FOR LIFE PACK 12, AND $10,000. IN THE EQUIPMENT FUND FOR COMPUTER SOFTWARE, 8 FACE PIECES FOR SCOT AIR PACKS, AND BULLET-PROOF SAFETY VESTS. CHIEF HITE

(PG. 2)

IS ASKING THE COMMITTEE to APPROVE HIS BUDGET FOR 2009. LINE ITEM INCREASES HAVE BEEN REQUESTED FOR FUEL AND OIL AND TOOLS. THE BUDGET WAS APPROVED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE AND COUNCIL WILL BE ASKED TO APPROVE IT AT THEIR NEXT MEETING.